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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

1. AMBASSADOR PUNCH COOMARASWAMY PAID COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE APRIL 7. HOLBROOKE TOOK OCCASION TO ASK COOMARASWAMY TO CONVEY HIS GREAT APPRECIATION TO PRIME MINISTER LEE FOR AGREEING TO CONFER WITH HIM DURING HOLBROOKE'S SINGAPORE STOPOVER. IT IS THE ONLY TIME THAT HE COULD VISIT SINGAPORE, AND HE WISHED TO THANK LEE FOR SEEING HIM ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT HE WILL NOT BE INTENDING TO DISCUSS US-GOS BILATERAL MATTERS AS SUCH.

2. HOLBROOKE SAID WE WERE VERY ANXIOUS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEE ON THE U.S. POSITION IN POST-VIETNAM ASIA. PRIME MINISTER LEE IS ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED LEADERS IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO TALK TO
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HIM BEFORE OUR POLICIES ARE FINALLY DECIDED. WHAT HE THINKS MODERN ASIA WILL LOOK LIKE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ASEAN, IS A SIGNIFICANT INGREDIENT IN THIS PROCESS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT LEE MAY NOT BE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SPRING, AS HE HAD PLANNED. HOLBROOKE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY LEE'S

VIEWS DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE SECRETARY, AND THAT HE WOULD GIVE LEE A FIRST HAND VIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES.

3. ON OTHER MATTERS, HOLBROOKE DESCRIBED FORTHCOMING CODEL TO INDONESIA AS AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH COULD, HOWEVER, BLOW UP IF THE INDONESIANS GAVE THE GROUP THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE CONCEALING SOMETHING. IN RESPONSE TO COOMARASWAMY'S QUESTION, HE SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR KOREA POLICIES IN DETAIL WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PROTECTIONIST TRADE TRENDS IN THE U.S. WERE OF CONCERN IN SINGAPORE AND WOULD ADDRESS THE POINT SPECIFICALLY IF THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED.

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